

A Message from Marina

April 2018

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for re-electing me to continue serving our neighborhood on the County Board. Serving as your representative is an honor and I pledge to continue working to make our district the best place to live, work, raise a family and invest in for all.

This newsletter is full of great information. We were not able to use official communications during election season, so we have a lot to cover here!

I am so proud to have led the way defeating County Executive Abele's proposal for paid parking in our public parks. We fought back and won! Let's celebrate at the season re-opening of our South Shore Terrace on April 18!

Soon we will break ground on an amazing upgrade and investment in the Baran Park baseball fields with our partners at Journey House. You won't want to miss this great improvement to our park.

Lastly, as a longtime supporter of our Milwaukee County War Memorial, I was honored to tour the renovations I voted to fund in our county budget. Using our county dollars to honor our veterans is a worthy investment and recognition of their service.

I cannot wait to see you in our neighborhood!

Best wishes,



SAVE THE DATE:

April 18: South Shore Terrace Season Opening at 4:30 p.m.

April 22: Earth Day

April 26: Friends of South Shore Park, 23rd Annual Earth Day Event

May 6: Bay View Tragedy at 3:00 p.m.

May 13: Mother's Day

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Supervisor Dimitrijevic Leads Successful Opposition to Abele's Paid Parking Plan

Frederick Law Olmsted, a great architect of Milwaukee County parks, believed strongly that parks should be open to all. While designing New York's famous Central Park, Olmsted said the park "was intended to furnish healthy recreation for the poor and the rich, the young and the old, the vicious and the virtuous...this social mixing was not just an accident, but a benefit...you may often see vast numbers of persons brought closely together."

New York's Central Park and Milwaukee's Lake Park share a similar economic reality: they are both located near some of the greatest concentration of wealth in their respective cities. Olmsted was ahead of his time with his public park designs when he ensured that everyone had equal access to these treasures. We need look no further than his design for the magical Lake Park, which foresaw a future need to secure a front seat to beautiful Lake Michigan for all Milwaukee residents.

Mr. Olmsted would be infuriated to learn that Milwaukee County Executives like Chris Abele, and before him Scott Walker, both proposed pay-to-park schemes in our public parks, concentrated at lakefront parks. While both Walker and Abele see paid parking in public parks as a revenue opportunity, we see this gimmick as a financial obstacle for all people to enjoy our public parks. Whether these fees impact a mother taking her child to a playground, an older adult visiting a senior center, or a golfer trying to focus on improving their swing instead of remembering to plug a meter, the proposal is wrong for Milwaukee County.



Families from across Milwaukee County and beyond seek relief from every day stresses of city life in our parks, especially during our short but hot summers, as architects like Olmsted planned. It's easy to lose track of time when you are at a family cookout or swimming at the beach, and the penalty for this enjoyment would be a parking ticket costing you many times the hourly rate for parking. Do we really want to soak the taxpayers like this, and feed the traumatic cycle of parking tickets, license revocation, and other unintended consequences?

The Milwaukee County Board blocked the Walker pay-to-park plan years ago; through an amendment I authored, we stopped the pay-to-park plan County Executive Abele included in his 2018 budget. First, we required more information and transparency by requiring a public hearing and also required a public presentation of the final plan, and a vote by the County Board.

On February 6, we heard from two-hundred plus constituents during the Paid Parking Input Forum at Mitchell Domes. We heard from the Abele administration that rejection of this misguided plan will result in a loss of revenue for our parks; however, hard numbers proving the promised revenue would be forthcoming were never presented. We also heard from the many constituents who strongly opposed this scheme.

Thanks to the public outcry over Abele's pay-to-park scheme, the County Executive agreed to drop his proposal, and supervisors adopted a ban on paid parking. I hope you agree with me that we cannot put a price tag on the benefit our community receives from free, open and accessible public parks.



Milwaukee County News Updates

Supervisor Dimitrijevic Tackles Housing Discrimination

Supervisor Dimitrijevic has proposed a change to Milwaukee County's Fair Housing ordinance that would protect residents from discrimination based on their receipt of rental or housing assistance, commonly known as "Section 8."

"50 years ago the fair housing marches forced Milwaukee to address the terrible reality of housing discrimination, but rampant discrimination against people who receive housing assistance continues to this day. It's time to update Milwaukee County's Fair Housing ordinance and ensure everyone has equal opportunity to access affordable housing," said Dimitrijevic.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic has proposed to add "receipt of rental or housing assistance" to the list of prohibited forms of housing discrimination already included in Milwaukee County's Fair Housing [ordinance](#).

The [proposal](#) would not require landlords to rent to people who receive federal Section 8 housing.

According to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, landlords often refuse to rent to Section 8 voucher holders as a cover to discriminate based on race, disability, sexual orientation, status as a victim of domestic abuse, or other forms of discrimination that are currently prohibited.

Dane County and the City of Madison, along with many states and municipalities around the country, already protect Section 8 voucher recipients from housing discrimination.

The Economic and Community Development Committee considered the measure on March 12, 2018, and will take it up again during their May meeting before it goes to the County Board for final action.



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MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS PARTNERS WITH JOURNEY HOUSE FOR FIELD RENOVATION OF BARAN PARK

Journey House is excited to grow their partnership with Milwaukee County Parks to launch a new renovation of Felix Mantilla Little League Fields at Baran Park. The enhancement of the fields will make the playing diamonds safer for urban youth, attract more people to Baran Park, and create a new destination for Milwaukee County.

This summer Journey House will break ground on the high school field with the investments of Major League Baseball. A new high quality grass field will be installed to include storm water management, drainage systems, and irrigation. Journey House will also install three Little League fields with synthetic infields and natural grass outfields and one natural grass tee-ball diamond. The fields will have field lights and dugouts. Other investors in this multi-million dollar investment include the Brewers Community Foundation, Cal Ripken Foundation, Wendy and Craig Kasten, Majerus Family Foundation, the Zilber Family Foundation, and many other generous individuals.

“At Journey House, we believe that athletic fields are our outdoor classroom. We are honored to partner with Milwaukee County and Supervisor Dimitrijevic in the renovation of our Felix Mantilla Little League fields at Baran Park, which has been the league’s home field since 1972,” said Dr. Michele Bria, CEO of Journey House. “We are excited about all the possibilities and opportunities that will happen for our Scholar Athletes, families, and neighborhood residents with the redevelopment of our baseball fields. It will be truly catalytic.”

Journey House annually serves over 8,000 individuals on Milwaukee’s near southside through adult education, workforce readiness, youth development, and family engagement. For more information about Journey House, visit www.journeyhouse.org.



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Renovations to War Memorial Center



With the renovation of Memorial Hall and surrounding interiors completed in February 2018, the War Memorial Center has completed the final phase of Operation Renew, a phased, multi-year total campus renovation.

Operation Renew also restored the hallowed Veterans Courtyard and the signature glass exterior stairway, provided improvements to the north entrance, and includes plans for redesigning the north parking lot.

The War Memorial Center was designated a Milwaukee landmark in 1974 in honor of its architectural and cultural significance to the community and has over 140,000 visitors annually. The War Memorial secured ownership of its interior space from Milwaukee County in 2017 and assumed greater responsibilities for funding operations and capital improvements.

Dave Drent, Executive Director of the War Memorial Center and veteran Skip Pochowski gave Supervisor Dimtrijevic an exclusive tour of the restorations in late February. Many members of the community have already seen the improved space and have shared rave reviews!



Honoring Ruth Simos

County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic and Jason Haas named the great room in the Humboldt Park pavilion after Ruth M. Simos, a well-known parks advocate and community leader, who passed away last month at the age of 93.

"Ruth Simos was a tireless advocate for all of our parks, especially Humboldt Park, and so it is fitting that we recognize her efforts by naming Humboldt Park's Great Room after her," said Supervisor Haas.

"Ruth Simos embodied the spirit of Bay View, and her spirit will live on in every community celebration that takes place in Humboldt Park's Great Room," said Supervisor Dimitrijevic.

Ruth M. Simos was a lifelong Bay View resident, attended Bay View High School, and raised six children in the same home where she grew up, near Humboldt Park, with her husband George. Ruth was the founder of Humboldt Park Friends and worked tirelessly to foster park stewardship, preserve park history, improve amenities and safety, and sponsor events and programming to enjoy in Humboldt Park.

The Hass/Dimitrijevic resolution authorized the Parks Department to install a placard above the entrance to the Humboldt Park Pavilion's Great Room honoring Simos' legacy. The Milwaukee County Board unanimously adopted the resolution.



Marina in the Community



Supervisor Dimitrijevic and Dr. Bria with the youth at Journey House during their afterschool program.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic wishes Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr. a happy retirement from the County Board after 24 years of service.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic attended the public hearing with her constituents about the County Executive's plan for paid parking meters. She authored the budget amendment requiring a separate vote and public hearing on this issue.





When workers died in the march for the 8-hour day ...

132nd Anniversary Commemoration

BAY VIEW TRAGEDY

3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, 2018

State Historical Marker Grounds

(E. Russell Ave. at S. Superior St., Milwaukee)

Dramatic Re-enactment Of Historic May, 1886 Event

Producer: Barbara Leigh

Musical accompaniment: Jahmes Finlayson

Remarks by Pam Fendt

President, Milwaukee Area Labor Council

Music by Craig Siemsen, Folksinger

Laying of Memorial Wreath

Reading of Names, Honored Dead

Welcome to Dignitaries

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LEST WE FORGET . . . On the Fifth of May, 1886, thousands of Milwaukee workers marched peacefully on the huge Bay View Rolling Mills as part of a nationwide effort to bring about the 8-hour day. When the marchers were 200 yards away, the State Militia fired, killing seven. This was the bloodiest labor disturbance in Wisconsin's history, and began a new struggle for a more humane workplace and a more just society. Join us now, 132 years later, as a diverse group of Milwaukeeans commemorates the story of this historic event.



JOIN THE MARCH TO THE CEREMONY:

Assemble at 1:30 p.m.,

Sunday,

at S. Bay St and E. Lincoln Av. March steps off at 2 p.m. Musicians encouraged. Organized by Greg Bird (414-481-7541)

FOLLOWING THE EVENT:

Refreshments and music at Beulah Brinton House, 2590 S. Superior St., Thanks to Bay View Historical Society.

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GRAND OPENING

Wednesday, April 18 - 4:30 p.m.
South Shore Terrace - 2900 South Shore Dr.



Join County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, County Executive Chris Abele, MillerCoors, friends and neighbors for a ceremonial keg tapping and **FREE BEER** (while supplies last)! Learn more at www.southshoreterrace.com



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Milwaukee County Free Days

Enjoy FREE admission to Milwaukee County attractions!



Free the first Thursday of every month

Free for *all* visitors on the first Thursday of every month!

Kids 12 and under free every day.

Visit the [museum web site](#) for additional information.



Thank You Thursday from 9:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m.

Free general admission to MPM for *all* visitors on the first Thursday of every month.

Visit the [museum web site](#) for additional information.



Free on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Free admission for Milwaukee County residents with proof of residence.

(Excludes major holidays).

Visit the [Domes web site](#) for additional information.



2018 Free Days

Free admission for *all* visitors October 6, November 3, December 1

Special Holidays Free Days

Free admission for Milwaukee County residents (requires proof of residence):
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Visit the [zoo web site](#) for additional information.



Free First Tuesdays of Every Month

May-October 2018

Free admission for Milwaukee County residents with proof of residence. Visit

the [Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens Website](#) for additional information.

